THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) A total of 105 vacancies occurring during the period 1983—90 and reserved for promotee officers, are lying vacant for filling up on regular basis.

(b) These Vacancies could not be filled up on regular basis because of disputes with regard to seniority of officials in the feeder grades.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.

Analysis of Kanpur Riots

1610. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an indepth analytical news report of distrust and suspicion in Kanpur which has been given by communal disharmony as appeared in the 'Times of India' dated 6th May, 1990; and

(b) whether Government have any positive plans to help restore peace in Kanpur and other similar areas in U.P. and elsewhere and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) Yes. Such a report has come to the Government's notice.

(b) Government is aware that some anti-national force have sinister designs to destabilise the unity of our country. Taking into account the pattern of the recent communal violence in the country and with a view to foiling the mischievous designs of communal and divisive forces the Government have revised its guidelines on promotion of communal harmony and for prevention of communal violence and circulated the same to the various State Government/UTs on 23rd April, 1990. Further, material support in terms of paramilitary forces and equipment is provided to the State Governments as and when requested, subject to their availability to assist them in effectively managing and controlling the riot situation on ground. The Central Government also shares its intelligence with the concerned State Governments for prevention of communal violence. The National Integration Council in its meeting on 11th April, 1990 has appealed for mobilisation of all nationalists, democratic and secular forces to meet the challange of violence, secessionism, communalism and fundamentalism.

Setting up of a Film Council

1611. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to set up a Film Council ; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposa and the steps taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) and (b) The question of having a Film Council to be set up and managed by the film industry itself has been under consideration. It is intended to perform consultative, developmental and regulatory functions. Such a Council will no doubt, in the long run lead to improvement in the quality of Indian Cinema. However, in view of the fact that the Film Industry at the instance of the Government has agreed to